

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 14 starting on line 11 with the following amended paragraph:**

Among them, a preferable curable compound is a compound having at least ~~three~~ three (meth)acryloyloxy groups in its molecule. Here, "(meth)acryloyloxy group" means an acryloyloxy group or a methacryloyloxy group. A term "(meth)" used for other compounds such as methyl (meth)acrylate and (meth)acrylic acid in the present invention has a similar meaning thereto.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 14 starting on line 17 with the following amended paragraph:**

Examples of the curable compound having at least ~~three~~ three (meth)acryloyloxy groups in its molecule are a poly(meth)acrylate of an alcohol containing at least three hydroxyl groups such as trimethylol propane tri(meth)acrylate, trimethylol ethane tri(meth)acrylate, glycerin tri(meth)acrylate, pentaglycerol tri(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tri- or tetra-(meth)acrylate, dipentaerythritol tri-, tetra-, penta- or hexa-(meth)acrylate and tripentaerythritol tetra-, penta-, hexa- or hepta-(meth)acrylate; a urethane (meth)acrylate having at least three(meth)acryloyloxy groups in its molecule, which compound can be obtained by reacting a compound having at least two isocyanate groups in its molecule with a (meth)acrylate monomer having a hydroxyl group in the molar ratio of an amount of the hydroxyl group to an amount of the isocyanate group of 1 or more, such as a 3 to 6 functional urethane (meth)acrylate obtained by reacting a diisocyanate with pentaerythritol tri(meth)acrylate; and a tri(meth)acrylate of tris(2-hydroxyethyl)isocyanuric

acid. Each of these compounds may be used as a monomer or an oligomer thereof such as a dimer and a trimer.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 15 starting on line 12 with the following amended paragraph:**

The curable compound having at least ~~tee~~three (meth)acryloyloxy groups in its molecule may be a commercially available one. Examples thereof are "NK HARD M101" (urethane acrylate-based compound, produced by Shin-Nakamura Chemical Co., Ltd.), "NK ESTER A-TMM-3L" (pentaerythritol triacrylate, produced by Shin-Nakamura Chemical Co., Ltd.), "NK ESTER A-TMMT" (pentaerythritol tetraacrylate, produced by Shin-Nakamura Chemical Co., Ltd.), "NK ESTER A-9530" (dipentaerythritol hexaacrylate, produced by Shin-Nakamura Chemical Co., Ltd.), "KAYARAD DPCA" (dipentaerythritol hexaacrylate, produced by Nippon Kayaku Co., Ltd.), "NOPCOCURE 200" series (produced by San Nopco Ltd., and "UNIDIC" series (produced by Dainippon Ink & Chemicals, Inc.).

**Please replace the paragraph on page 15 starting on line 25 with the following amended paragraph:**

A content of the compound having at least ~~tee~~three (meth)acryloyloxy groups in its molecule contained in the curable coating is 50 parts by weight or more, and preferably 60 parts by weight or more per 100 parts by weight of a solid part contained in said curable coating. When said content is less than 50 parts by weight, a surface hardness may be insufficient.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 16 starting on line 5 with the following amended paragraph:**

Further examples of the curable compound are mixtures such as malonic acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, malonic acid/trimethylol propane/(meth)acrylic acid, malonic acid/glycerin/(meth)acrylic acid, malonic acid/pentaerythritol/(meth)acrylic acid, succinic acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, succinic acid/trimethylol propane/(meth)acrylic acid, succinic acid/glycerin/(meth)acrylic acid, succinic acid/pentaerythritol/(meth)acrylic acid, adipic acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, adipic acid/trimethylol propane/(meth)acrylic acid, adipic acid/glycerin/(meth)acrylic acid, adipic acid/pentaerythritol/(meth)acrylic acid, glutaric acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, glutaric acid/trimethylol propane/(meth)acrylic acid, glutaric acid/glycerin/(meth)acrylic acid, glutaric acid/pentaerythritol/(meth)acrylic acid, sebacic acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, sebacic acid/trimethylol propane/(meth)acrylic acid, sebacic acid/glycerin/(meth)acrylic acid, sebacic acid/pentaerythritol/(meth)acrylic acid, fumaric acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, fumaric acid/trimethylol propene/(meth)acrylic acid, fumaric acid/glycerin/(meth)acrylic acid, fumaric acid/pentaerythritol/(meth)acrylic acid, itaconic acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, itaconic acid/trimethylol propene/(meth)acrylic acid, itaconic acid/pentaerythritol/(meth)acrylic acid, maleic anhydride/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid, and maleic anhydride/glycerin/(meth)acrylic acid, wherein the expression such as "malonic acid/trimethylol ethane/(meth)acrylic acid" means a mixture of malonic acid, trimethylol ethane and (meth)acrylic acid. Each of these mixtures may

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be combined with the compound having at least ~~tree~~three (meth)acryloyloxy groups in its molecule.